

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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Matt Heilman

From left, Randy Jackson's daughter Amanda Jackson, granddaughter Bresha Collins and daughter Sesily Jackson take part in the ceremonial tree planting in his honor May 8 in Bel Aire Park.

## City recognizes Bel Aire survivor

By Matt Heilman

On Oct. 2, 1970, Wichita State University football player Randy Jackson was on a team plane that crashed in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. Twenty-nine people, including 14 teammates, were killed in the crash. Among them was Eugene Robinson, who was sitting next to Jackson on the flight.

On April 19, 1995, an American Elm Tree stood yards away from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City when a 4,000-pound

bomb killed 168 people in the building and injured hundreds of others.

Jackson, the team's star running back, survived the crash and the elm tree still stands in Oklahoma City. On the morning of May 8, the two survivors were connected in a dedication ceremony in Bel Aire.

The Bel Aire Tree Board was awarded a few saplings from the elm tree in Oklahoma City, which has been named "The survivor tree," and serves as a memorial to those who died in the terrorist attack 15 years ago.

With the saplings, the tree board plants and dedicates offspring of the survivor tree. The

board has previously dedicated a tree in Greensburg following the devastating tornado there and Wichita State University in recognition of the men who died in the football team plane crash.

The tree dedicated on May 8 was planted in tree board president Guy MacDonald's back yard before it was transferred to the Bel Aire Park on Woodlawn and placed in the ground to observe the 40th anniversary of the WSU football team plane crash and honor Jackson, a Bel Aire resident.

"The tree and I are both survivors of tragic events," Jack-



Randy Jackson

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## Police department seeks funding to purchase Tasers for officers

By The Breeze staff

The Bel Aire Police Department is short of necessary funding to obtain Tasers for officers. In March, Police Chief John Daily reached out to the citizens of Bel Aire, requesting

donations.

He said he's looking to obtain about six Tasers for the department.

In the April addition of The Breeze, Daily discussed the value of Tasers for a police department. Daily said the

non-lethal weapon could have prevented a 10-week layoff of a Bel Aire officer who was injured in an altercation with a drunken motorcyclist.

Police departments in Valley Center, Park City, Kechi and Wichita have Tasers.

To help Bel Aire's department obtain Tasers, Daily said donations may be mailed to the Bel Aire Police Department, 7651 E. Central Park Ave. Bel Aire, KS 67226.

Officers are also available to collect donations from residents.



Mark Witt

"And little did I know that the future would bring the most incredible life, a life beyond what I possibly could have imagined," Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson tells the Heights High School Class of 2010.

## Governor advises Heights graduates

Parkinson addresses alma mater

By Matt Heilman

Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson stood in front of high school seniors dawned in red and black caps and gowns at Wichita State's Charles Koch Arena May 26. Parkinson, a 1975 graduate of Wichita Heights High School, spoke to his alma mater for about 10 minutes, giving advice to Class of 2010 graduates, reflecting on his own post-high school journey and drawing comparisons between 1975 and today.

Looking over the graduates sitting in folding chairs on the arena floor below the stage, Parkinson said he could tell by their faces that their thought process was the same as his was 35 years

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## Land debt solutions crucial for survival

Leaders had considered giving up city's charter

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire hasn't solved its land debt, but the city's outlook is brighter than it was earlier this year when Bel Aire's very survival was in doubt.

Recent action taken on the debt gives Bel Aire solid footing, at least for now.

A temporary solution lowers the interest rate on debt payments and buys the city more time to see a return on its land investments, said Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher.

Decisions made in late March and April were critical when the May 1 land payment of \$880,000 was due, and the city didn't have enough money. This semi-annual amount had an 8.5 percent interest rate through a Certificate of Participation on a total debt of nearly \$19 million.

In a letter to residents, Bel Aire Mayor Har-

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# Sales tax not ideal but it's needed

A state sales tax increase will do nothing to lift our state out of this economic funk.

But we're glad the majority of state legislators saw fit last week to hold their noses and vote for one anyway. For the sake of our public schools, certain elderly and disabled as well as others who rely on public funds for survival, it was the right thing to do.

The 1-cent sales tax that lawmakers approved will maintain programs at current levels. Aid to these programs has already been severely cut as the state has struggled to balance its budget in the face of declining tax revenues.

Some legislators, such as Rep. Steve Huebert, R-Valley Center, say their priority is getting people back to work and restoring the economy. It's the best way, they say, to increase revenues and fund public schools and other programs.

Yes. Of course it is. But these are desperate times. The temporary sales tax is a desperate stop-gap measure to keep these programs alive until the economy rebounds.

The 1-cent sales tax is set to expire in three years. Huebert voted against the increase.

Instead, he said, he supported other initiatives to help state-funded programs, particularly school districts.

Huebert pushed for a proposal to remove restrictions on fund transfers within school district budgets. State law does not allow districts to take money, for example, from its bond and interest fund to supplement its general fund. Huebert said this has allowed districts to amass healthy cushions in accounts that can't be used to pay salaries and other operating expenses.

Huebert said he also wanted to require the state to deliver aid to school districts on time, which would alleviate the need for large fund reserves.

Huebert also said he supported restoring the federal stimulus funds that will be eliminated from the state budget next fiscal year.

These are worthy initiatives and should be explored. In the meantime, however, additional sales tax revenue will have an immediate impact on an immediate problem.

Now the focus will be on 2011-12, when schools fear the loss of the federal stimulus funds will require deeper cuts and tougher decisions.

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Deadline for the July Breeze: Friday, June 18

## Letters to the editor

### Many support I-STEP program

My vocational special needs staff and I would like to thank area businesses for their participation and support of our Individualized Student Training & Employment Program (I-STEP).

I-STEP is a cooperative program of Sedgwick County Area Education Services Inter-local Cooperative, Valley Center and Sedgwick High Schools.

I-STEP staff works to place and support students with disabilities in volunteer, training and employment opportunities that are within their ability and interests and meet the needs of the participating business. Research has shown that students with disabilities who participate in school-to-work programs are much more likely to be successfully employed as adults.

The following participating businesses have been a great asset to the students and to our program for the 2009-10 school year: Applebee's in Park City; Enterprise Auto Salvage, Park City; Goodwill Store, Maize; Goodwill Store, North Oliver; Hale's Sales and Service, Sedgwick; Halstead-Sedgwick Veterinary Clinic, Sedgwick; Hinz Motors, Newton; Leeker's Family Foods, Valley Center; Pawsitively Groomed, Newton; Riverview Head Start, Park City; Sedgwick County Zoo, Wichita; Sedgwick Lillian Tear Library, Sedgwick; Sedgwick Public Schools; Sleep Inn Hotel, Park City; TNT Automotive, Valley Center; Valley Center Chiropractic, Valley Center; Valley Center Public Schools; and Unified Party Bus, Valley Center.

We look forward to the possibility of adding additional businesses to our list next year. If you would like to know more about our program and become involved as an employer or work experience site, please contact us.

Job coaches are Debra Delong, Irene Gagnon, Deborah Thresher and Mike Venditti.

— Dan McDaniel, vocational special needs coordinator, Sedgwick County Area Education Services Inter-local Cooperative

### Existing reserves can help budget

This April, legislative update meetings were held across Kansas. It is clear that serious budget decisions must now be made by our legislators and governor in Topeka.

Fortunately, existing cash reserves, cost controls and reduced spending can help balance the state budget to keep our schools strong and provide essential services for our most vulnerable disabled and senior citizens.

State agencies and school districts should first use taxes already in their accounts before requesting more. If necessary, additional revenue can come by raising cigarette, alcohol and soft drink taxes without increasing the regressive sales tax.

Here are some facts provided by the Kansas Department of Education and national research:

- During the past 10 years, Kansas school district spending from all funding sources has jumped from \$3 billion per year to \$5.5 billion. This is a \$2.5 billion per year increase to teach the same number of students. The total tax dollars spent per pupil are up 26 percent in just the last five years. Local property taxes for schools are up 27 percent.
- School districts started this school year with \$1.5 billion in carryover cash balances. Of that amount, \$700 million was in operating accounts which have increased by 53 percent in just four years. Estimates released late last month by school districts show they will carry over \$510 million in these operating fund cash balances into next school year. To balance the state budget, the Legislature should first remove any restriction on the use of these

existing funds before considering a tax increase.

- Spending more money on schools does not produce higher student achievement. During these last 10 years, NAEP, ACT and SAT national test scores for Kansas students have remained flat. Only one-third are proficient. About 25 percent drop out before graduation.
- School districts have many ways to reduce spending while raising the quality of education for our students. For example, only half of the people hired by school districts in Kansas are certified teachers. The rest are non-instructional or administrative staff. With the additional \$1 billion the Legislature gave to school districts after the 2005 lawsuit, 6,000 people were hired. Only one-third are teachers. In the past four years, non-instructional costs are up \$373 million across Kansas.

School districts receive 52 percent of the state budget. Obviously, Legislators must cut education funding to balance the budget. To offset these cuts, school districts can easily use a portion of the hundreds of millions in cash they already have and will carry forward next year in their operating accounts.

If more money is needed, they can cut non-instructional and administrative costs. No teachers should be laid off or courses eliminated.

Our legislators have a tough job ahead. Each of them is trying hard to make sound budget decisions based on facts. We can help them by getting informed and encouraging them to keep essential services without raising sales or property taxes.

— Walt Chappell, Wichita, member of the Kansas Board of Education

*Have an opinion about something happening in Bel Aire? Write a letter to the Breeze editor. You can e-mail it to [news@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:news@arkvalleynews.com) or mail it to The Bel Aire Breeze, PO Box 120, Valley Center KS 67147.*



Mayor's corner

By Harold Smith

# Hoping for nice weather for event

The Music & Moonlight in the Park will be June 26 in Bel Aire Park (on Woodlawn).

Special Events Committee members Lois Hiebert, Carolyn Smith, Wanda Urquhart, Vickie Woodworth and Jim Fields are putting together a summer event again this year.

The schedule of events is on the Bel Aire Page in this edition of the Breeze and will be at city hall and on the Bel Aire website, [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov).

I figure the odds for good weather on June 26 are high. Their last three events had to deal with rain, high winds and a very low temperature. (It was cold!) The location in Bel Aire Park is a return to the early days in Bel Aire and this event will be a start of our 30th birthday celebration later this year.

They have some good music programs already scheduled and they will again have a talent show contest for our local musicians (18 and under). Casey Lindstedt won the talent show last year. Who will it be this year? To enter the talent show, call city hall (744-2451) and ask for an application form for the talent show.

## Land

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old Smith said several options were up for consideration to find ways to make the payment.

"We could refinance the debt, borrow more money to make the interest payment, raise taxes, cut city services, let the land go back to the bank, and we even looked at giving up the city charter," Smith said.

In a special meeting March 25, the council unanimously agreed to refinance their land debt under a Public Building Commission structure.

By doing so, Bel Aire is locked into paying the debt, but the city's immediate future appears safe.

The PBC, consisting of Smith, council member Peggy O'Donnell and resident Bill

Brookhouser, received approval from the council in April to essentially take ownership of the land, and lease the land back to the city.

The PBC doesn't have the authority to issue taxes. At its April 6 meeting, the city council unanimously approved the PBC to use financial consultants Piper Jaffrey to issue about \$20 million in bonds to Bel Aire.

In mid-April, the council approved the sale of bonds and a proposed interest rate of about 6 percent.

Lasher said refinancing gives Bel Aire time to work out of debt and keeps the city afloat in the meantime.

"It gives us two years basically to really get us in a better condition to handle the financing and the payments," Lasher said.

The restructuring of the debt gives the city a little

extra time and money to make debt payments through November of 2011.

"This bought us some time, but did not really solve the problem," said Smith, who opposed the council's refinancing decision. "The solution will be in a combination of real estate sales and real estate taxes."

Smith was supportive of the council for taking action, but indicated he wasn't comfortable refinancing with a structure that doesn't allow for a default if land isn't sold.

Lasher voiced optimism with growth in Bel Aire expected to speed up with the opening of two new USD 259 schools in the community.

The K-8 school and high school are expected to open in the fall of 2011, with dirt moving this summer. With the new schools, Lasher said there would be more interest

in housing.

"As growth occurs, that's more tax revenue we get, so that's a benefit," he said.

In discussing Bel Aire's housing potential with the new schools, Lasher mentioned commitments from a couple builders, which will constantly keep 12 homes on the market.

A permanent solution to Bel Aire's land debt might require partnerships with area communities. Lasher talked about potential opportunities to partner with Wichita.

One money-saving option for Bel Aire concerns the city's fire service.

Lasher said that switching Bel Aire's fire service from Sedgwick County to the City of Wichita could free taxes.

In late April, Lasher told The News Bel Aire pays about 18.5 mills for the county's fire service and

could save about 10 mills to use for debt service payments if the city switched to Wichita's fire service. A final decision hasn't been made on the matter.

Lasher also discussed the potential of the 800 acres set aside for an industrial park near 53rd North and Greenwich. He said the county has shown interest in the park, and Bel Aire has also had discussions with Wichita about partnering to develop the area.

Lasher said the Greater Wichita Economic Development Committee supports the park.

"Some of these things that we have seen and identified to work with other local governments could end up saving the city basically," Lasher said. "And that's what we're moving towards. ... No one wants to see Bel Aire fail or go away."

## Heights

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ago.

"By the looks on your face, I will tell you I know exactly what you're thinking," Parkinson said. "I was excited to graduate. I was thinking about the party I was going to go to that night. Eventually, I would think about the future, not very often, but occasionally. And little did I know that the future would bring the most incredible life, a life beyond what I possibly could have imagined."

He said his professional life in law and politics was made possible in large part due to the education he received during three years at Heights.

Parkinson, governor since April 2009, said he has not looked forward to a speaking engagement more than the graduation address to his former high school.

"I haven't made a speech that I've looked forward to quite as much as this one because I have the chance to come back 35 years later and tell people what I wish I would have heard on that night 35 years ago when I was sitting in your seats," Parkinson said.

Before giving advice to students, Parkinson discussed similarities between the Wichita Heights Class of 1975 and the Class of 2010.



He talked about how the school's basketball team has remained dominant, as well as similarities in society with 1975 and 2010. Parkinson's advice for Heights graduates came in three parts.

The first part was to remind the students of how lucky they were to be living in today's

world.

"Unlike what all the naysayers say, unlike what all the pessimists say, this is the best time in human history to be alive, and it will only get better," Parkinson said.

With longer life expectancies, Parkinson encouraged graduates to find a career in

something they enjoy doing and not base career decisions on money.

"It's far more important to find something that you love," Parkinson said.

He told graduates that some of the most successful people he knows didn't begin their careers looking to get rich.

**Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson receives a gift from the Wichita school board during the Heights High School commencement May 26 at Charles Koch Arena. "I haven't made a speech that I've looked forward to quite as much as this one because I have the chance to come back 35 years later and tell people what I wish I would have heard on that night 35 years ago when I was sitting in your seats," Parkinson says.**

Mark Witt

Parkinson said that such clichés as "money can't buy happiness," and "hard work pays off," are true. With his third piece of advice to graduates, Parkinson told them "all clichés are true."

He brought up this piece of advice in part to address how common clichés were in commencement speeches.

Following his speech, the governor was awarded a gift from the USD 259 school district. The commencement speech to his alma mater was the first and last for Parkinson as a governor. The former lieutenant governor has announced he doesn't plan to run for the gubernatorial election in November.





# City of Bel Aire



## CITY OF BEL AIRE UPCOMING EVENTS

### June

- 1 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 2 Chamber of Commerce, noon  
Municipal Court, 7 p.m.
- 8 Water Board, 2:30 p.m.
- 9 Bel Aire Lions Club, noon
- 10 Planning Commission, 6 p.m.
- 15 City Council, 7 p.m.
- 17 Municipal Court, 2:30 p.m.
- 17-19 Citywide Garage Sale
- 21 Tree Board, 7 p.m.
- 22 Economic Development Board, 7 p.m.
- 23 Bel Aire Lions Club, noon

## Central Park Swimming Pool

7350 East Central Park Ave. • 744-7331

### POOL HOURS

#### WEEKDAYS

- Swim Lessons, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Open Swim, 1 to 7 p.m.
- Swimming Lessons, 7 to 8 p.m.

#### WEEKENDS

- Saturday & Sunday (open swim), 1 to 6 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIPS** — To become a pool member, download a form at [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) or come to the Rec Center. Mail the completed form with payment to the address listed on the form. For questions, call the pool at 744-7331 or the Bel Aire Recreation Department at 744-2700.

**FEES** — \$150 for families, individuals ages 12 and up \$100. Family membership includes two adults and dependent children residing in the home. Full-time college students living at home will be considered as dependents.

**DAILY FEES** — Under 12: \$2 and must be accompanied by

an adult. Over 12: \$3.

- All persons entering the pool must be a member or are subject to a day fee, including non-swimmers.

- Charges or credit are not extended.

**POOL RENTALS** — Packages are available after normal business hours, subject to availability.

- Up to 25 Patrons: \$40/hour.
- More than 25 Patrons: \$60/hour. Limit: 50 patrons.

**GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS** — Members \$25 (non-members \$35) per session.

#### Morning sessions

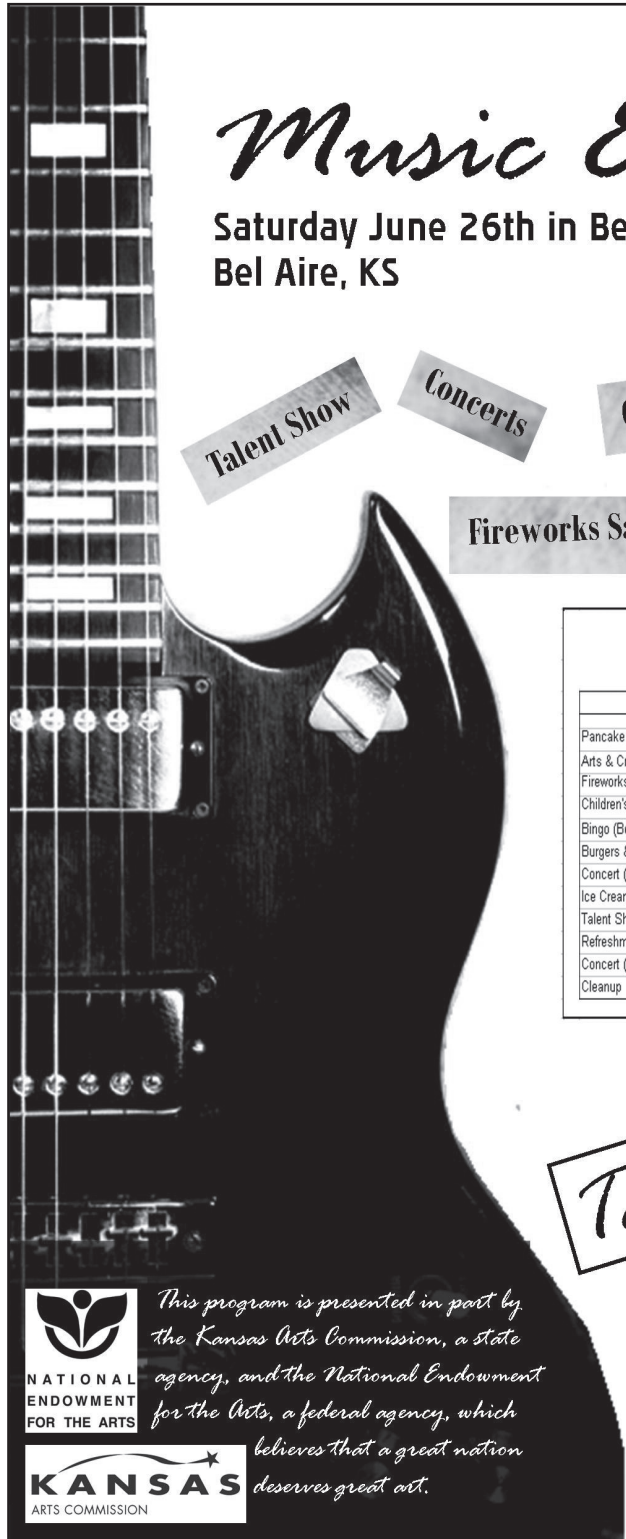
- June 14-25, July 5-16, July 19-30
- 11 to 11:45 a.m., noon to 12:30 p.m.

#### Evening sessions

- June 14-25, July 5-16, July 29-30

- 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Private swimming lessons are by appointment and are subject to availability.



This program is presented in part by the Kansas Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

## Music & Moonlight

Saturday June 26th in Bel Aire Park  
Bel Aire, KS

- Talent Show
- Concerts
- Children's Activities
- Ice Cream Social
- Bingo
- Burger & Hotdog Dinner
- Pancake Breakfast
- Fireworks Safety

"Music & Moonlight" Schedule of Events															
Activities:	Morning					Afternoon					Evening				
	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00
Pancake Breakfast (Boy Scouts)															
Arts & Crafts, etc. (Vendors)															
Fireworks Safety (County Fire Dept.)															
Children's Activities (Cross Roads Church)															
Bingo (Bel Aire Seniors Club, Inc.)															
Burgers & Hotdogs Dinner (Boy Scouts)															
Concert (The Wichita Community Concert Band)															
Ice Cream Social (Chiselm Trail Bank)															
Talent Show (Special Events Committee)															
Refreshments, etc. (True Life Church)															
Concert (Five Times Harder)															
Cleanup															

## Talent Show

To register for the talent show fill out the following information and mail back to the City of Bel Aire or visit [www.belaireks.gov/music&moonlight](http://www.belaireks.gov/music&moonlight). Registrations due June 18th

<b>Personal/Band Info:</b>	
Contact Name: _____	Age: _____
Phone Number: _____	E-mail: _____
Group Name _____	
Performing (i.e., song title): _____	
<b>Equipment Needed:</b>	
Microphone(s) _____	CD Player? Yes / No
-Vocal Qty. _____	Cassette Player? Yes / No
-Instrumental Qty. _____	Electrical Cord? Yes / No
Music Stands Qty. _____	Other? _____
<b>Mail or Bring this form to:</b>	
City of Bel Aire ATTN: Music & Moonlight 7651 E. Central Park Ave. Bel Aire, KS 67226	

## Bel Aire Recreation

### Rec summer ball leagues

Game began June 1. There are still a few spots open.

### Baton twirling

Andover Dance Magic is offering two baton twirling classes in June. One class is for ages 5 through 7 and the other is for ages 8 through 12. Classes begin June 2 and run

through June 23. Fee is \$45 and includes a baton. Please call Miss Tammy at (316) 617-2445 for more information and to register.

### Holiday crafts

Spice up your holidays with some homemade holiday crafts and decorations. Kids will be given the opportunity to get their creative juices flowing

and put their own special twist on some holiday craft projects. Kids ages 5-10 are invited to come and join us on from 10 to 11 a.m. June 26. The cost is only \$5 per child. Space is limited, so registration is required.

*For more information on these or any Bel Aire recreation programs call 744-2700.*

## Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted and are for ALL SENIORS living in or near Bel Aire.

The center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and has library books to check out, places to study or do research and computers for use.

For more information about the center and its activities, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or [reberhard@belaireks.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaireks.gov). Officer hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday (Excluding holidays, special events or senior-related meetings.)

Any senior can belong to or attend more than one senior center/club in Sedgwick County

## Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is self-governed and activities benefit all participating seniors.

- Monday through Friday, 8 to 9 a.m., walking at Bel Aire Rec Center.
- Mondays 10 a.m., free computer class at Park City Senior Center.
- Wednesdays 2:30 p.m., free line dancing lessons, Park City Senior Center.
- Thursday 9 to 11:30 a.m. (except second Thursday of month), Wii open play, Park City Senior Center.
- Thursdays (second and fourth), 7 to 9 p.m., square dance lessons & dancing, Park City Senior Center.

Fee. Toe nail care, second Wednesday each month. \$25 at the center or \$35 at your home. Call Brenda 946-0722 for an appointment.

June 1, 9 a.m.	Breakfast at the home of Mary June Heffy.
June 3	Casino trip to First Council and Native Lights. Cost \$20. Reservations to Vicki at 744-1199.
June 8	Foot care, Harris Health Care, Park City Senior Center. Call 721-4828 for an appointment. Free hearing screening at Park City Senior Center. Call Vicki at 744-1199 for an appointment.
June 9	Private pay toe nail care by Brenda. 946-0722 for an appointment.
June 14, 10 a.m.	Board meeting.
11:30 a.m.	Lunch out, Jimmie's Diner.
June 16, 10 a.m.	Men's coffee at Braum's.
2 p.m.	Ladies' coffee/tea, Jimmie's Diner. Set up for senior garage sale.
June 17-18	Senior garage sale at 5701 Kenawee.
June 28, 6 p.m.	Covered dish dinner and meeting. Host: Harold Ramsey. Program: Singing with Elizabeth and Jeff Berry.

For services & resources for seniors, call Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, 744-1199.

## CITY OF BEL AIRE CONTACTS

### City Council

Mayor Harold Smith	744-2650
Dr. Gary Breault	744-0560
Peggy O'Donnell	744-0250
Carolyn Marlier	744-2313
David Austin	744-7188
Dave Sly	204-5574

### City Hall

Ty Lasher, City Administrator	744-2451, ext. 217
Recreation Department	744-2700

Central Park Pool	744-7331
Parks Department	744-8609
Police • Emergency	911
• Non-emergency	744-6000
Animal Control (Sedgwick County)	660-7070
Public Works	744-2888
Water/Sewer Emergency (after 5 p.m.)	761-6972 or 761-6973

Utility Billing	744-2451, ext. 132
Trash (Stutzman)	1-800-230-0383
Hazardous Waste (Sedgwick County)	660-7464

Sr. Walking	Every weekday, 8 to 9 a.m., Bel Aire Rec Center
Yoga	Every Monday, 6:10 p.m., Bel Aire Rec Center
Bridge	Every Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Aerobics	Every Wednesday, 10 a.m.
Sr. Breakfast	Every Friday, 9 a.m. at Braum's, 3641 N. Rock Road, with Kechi Over 55 Club
Wii time	By request or when the senior center is available.
June 5, 9 a.m.	Day trip to Goessel & Newton. Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum in Goessel. Lunch/tour of Warkentin House in Newton. RSVP required (cost). Senior covered dish dinner. Bring a food dish to share (drinks are provided). Deborah Fisher-Stout, president of North Flyer Alliance, will speak about their proposed passenger train route from Texas, through Wichita, to Kansas City. Lions Club catered lunch and meeting. Speaker will be Leslie Church from Inter-Faith Ministries. \$5. RSVP to 744-7530 or 744-2451 by 10 a.m. June 8. Senior Center advisory council.
6:30 p.m.	Senior arts & crafts day. Bring a snack lunch or a lunch you can microwave.
June 10, 10 a.m.	Elder abuse awareness day at Botanica. Wear something purple to enjoy a senior fair, free lunch, balloon launch. Visit the Bel Aire Senior Center booth.
June 11, 11 a.m.	Senior Center fun night. Bring board/card games to share. Complimentary drinks provided (except soft drinks).
7 p.m.	Red Hat Society meeting. Call 744-0217 for information and details.
June 12, 10 a.m.	Day trip to Strong City for Kansas City Symphony's fifth anniversary concert in the Flint Hills. Call 744-2451, ext. 121, for details.
TBA	Central Park HOA meeting.
June 14, 7 p.m.	Bel Aire citywide garage sales.
June 17-19	Elder Abuse: The Next Step seminar. Spiritual Life Care Center, 7100 E. 45th North, Bel Aire. Speaker: Paul Greenwood. Call 744-2451, ext. 121, for details.
June 18	Single seniors dine out. Call 558-2820 for details.
June 20, TBA	Senior Law Day. Sedgwick County Extension Building. Call 744-2451, ext. 121, for car pooling (cost).
June 22, 8 a.m.	Senior and Community Center conference. Wichita Airport Hilton. Call 744-2451, ext. 121, for information and to car pool (cost).
June 23, 8 a.m.	Senior pitch card party. Bring finger food, snacks or soft drinks to share. Cold drinks will be provided.
June 25, 7 p.m.	Seniors night out in Wichita. Crown Uptown Theatre, "Mid-Life, The Crisis Musical." Reservations required. Call 744-2451, ext. 121, for price and details.
June 26, evening	Visit and shop at Bel Aire Lions Club fireworks tent, 3987 N. Woodlawn Court. Call 734-7530 or 744-2451, ext. 121, for more information.
June 27-July 4	The Bel Aire Lions Club is collecting eye glasses no longer being used. Drop them off in the Senior Center or water office at city hall.

Sign up for a senior cruise in 2010 offered by the Bel Aire Senior Center. Package includes airfare from the Kansas City airport:

Dec. 4 — Norwegian Cruise Line Hawaiian Cruise (10 days, 9 nights)

For reservations, price sheet and specific cruise information, contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or [reberhard@belaireks.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaireks.gov). (passports will be required.)

Contact Rick Eberhard, Senior Director of the Bel Aire Senior Center, at either 744-2451, extension 121, or e-mail [reberhard@belaireks.gov](mailto:reberhard@belaireks.gov) to receive the Bel Aire Senior Center news, information, special events and upcoming trips electronically or via the U.S. mail.



# POLICE REPORTS

**May 13** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4700 block of Westlake Drive.

**May 13** — Officer reported that Daniel J. Stevenson had been arrested at 7651 E. Central Park Ave. on three Wichita warrants.

**May 13** — Officer Hazelwood responded to disorderly conduct in the 4700 block of North Oliver.

**May 13** — Officer Swanson checked on a suspicious person at Oliver and Westlake.

**May 13** — Officers Hazelwood and Swanson responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 15900 block of East 101st North.

**May 12** — Officer Brandewiede received lost property in the 4400 block of North Fritillary Circle.

**May 12** — Officer Swanson checked on a suspicious person in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

**May 12** — Officer Swanson reported that Sally K. Phillips was arrested by Newton Police Department on a Bel Aire warrant.

**May 12** — Officer McCaslin responded to vandalism in the 4900 block of North Oliver.

**May 12** — Sgt. Spencer assisted Pratt County Sheriff's Office in the 6800 block of East 44th North.

**May 12** — Officer McGuire responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4400 block of North Rushwood.

**May 12** — Officers Swanson and McGuire assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office on Young.

**May 11** — Sgt. Spencer reported that Kansas Highway Patrol arrested Brandon J. Johnson on a Bel Aire warrant.

**May 11** — Officers McGuire and Hutton responded to an alarm in the 5100 block of North Remington.

**May 11** — Officer Hazelwood arrested Tyler A. Scott on a charge of DUI in the 7200 block of East 45th North.

**May 10** — Officer Toomey responded to an assault in the 6900 block of East Perryton.

**May 10** — Officer Toomey assisted a motorist in the 7200 block of East 45th North.

**May 10** — Officer Foxx assisted a motorist at Colonial and Colonial Court.

**May 10** — Officer Toomey assisted a motorist in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn.

**May 9** — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**May 9** — Officer Swanson responded to disorderly conduct in the 5100 block of East 37th North.

**May 9** — Officer Swanson responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place.

**May 9** — Officer McCaslin responded to a public nuisance in the 5700 block of East Kenawee.

**May 9** — Officer Toomey responded to larceny in the 4000 block of North Harding.

**May 9** — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**May 8** — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 6200 block of East Quail Ridge.

**May 8** — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4900 block of East Willow Point Court.

**May 8** — Officer Hazelwood arrested James Arnold II in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn on charges of fleeing and eluding.

**May 8** — Officer Foxx reported that Kansas Highway Patrol arrested Stephen A. Knighton on a Bel Aire warrant.

**May 8** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department at East 53rd North and North 143rd East.

**May 8** — Officer McGuire checked on a lost animal in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

**May 8** — Officer McCaslin assisted Park City Police Department in the 5800 North Broadway.

**May 7** — Detective Pentecost assisted EMS in the 3900 block of Oliver.

**May 7** — Officer McGuire arrested Joseph A. Mosier on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 5800 block of East 53rd North.

**May 7** — Officer McGuire arrested Zachary Thomas in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn on a Sedgwick County.

**May 7** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department at 61st North and Oliver.

**May 7** — Sgt. Spencer assisted a motorist at 37th North and Woodlawn.

**May 6** — Officer Swanson and Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of Westlake Court.

**May 6** — Sgt. Spencer responded to a public nuisance in the 5200 block of East 48th North.

**May 6** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department at Prairie Creek and Creek Trail.

**May 6** — Officer Foxx responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**May 6** — Officer McGuire responded to a traffic hazard at 37th North and Rock Road.

**May 5** — Officer Brandewiede took a lost property report at the station.

**May 5** — Detective Pentecost reported that Amanda M. Waddell had been arrested by the Derby Police Department on a Bel Aire warrant.

**May 5** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**May 5** — Officer Swanson checked on a suspicious person in the 8300 block of East 53rd North.

**May 4** — Officer Swanson responded to fraud in the 6400 block of East Rodeo.

**May 4** — Officer Swanson responded to trash dumping in the 4000 block of North Auburn.

**May 4** — Officer Hutton checked the welfare at 45th North and Rock Road.

**May 4** — Officer Hutton assisted Wichita Police Department at K-96 and Woodlawn.

**May 3** — Sgt. Spencer arrested Bradley D. Beckman on a charge of DUI in the 5600 block of Perryton.

**May 3** — Sgt. Griggs and Officers Swanson and Toomey responded to an auto accident in the 5600 block of East Perryton.

**May 3** — Officer Swanson received found property in the 4000 block of North Auburn.

**May 3** — Officer Foxx and Sgt. Griggs checked on a suspicious person in the 4500 block of North St. James.

**May 3** — Officers Hutton and Swanson and Sgt. Spencer assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**May 3** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 6400 block of North 143rd East.

**May 3** — Officer Hutton responded to disorderly conduct in the 6200 block of East Danbury.

**May 3** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person at 37th North and Rock Road.

**May 2** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 6500 block of East Central.

**May 1** — Officers Hutton and McGuire responded to an alarm in the 4700 block of North Hedgerow Court.

**May 1** — Officer Foxx arrested Tywan T. Meadows on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 4600 block of North Krueger.

**May 1** — Officer McCaslin assisted a citizen in the 10900 block of

East 45th North.

**May 1** — Officer McCaslin assisted Kansas Highway Patrol in the 4500 block of North Oliver.

**May 1** — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist at 45th North and Woodlawn.

**May 1** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood responded to a 911 hang-up call at 116 North Maple.

**May 1** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood responded to a noise complaint in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**May 1** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3500 block of North Inwood.

**April 30** — Sgt. Griggs and Officer Foxx responded to a disturbance in the 5100 block of North Remington.

**April 30** — Officer Foxx assisted a motorist at 45th North and Greenwich.

**April 30** — Officer Foxx assisted a motorist at Elk Creek and Prestwich.

**April 30** — Sgt. Spencer assisted a motorist at 37th North and Oliver.

**April 30** — Officer Steele responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4000 block of North Edgemoor.

**April 29** — Detective Pentecost responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of Summerside.

**April 29** — Detective Pentecost assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3000 block of North Rock Road.

**April 29** — Officer Foxx responded to a traffic hazard at Perryton and Clarendon.

**April 29** — Officer Foxx responded to a traffic hazard in the 6000 block of North Oliver.

**April 29** — Detective Pentecost and Officer Brandewiede assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3000 block of North Rock Road.

**April 28** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Wichita Police Department in the 4500 block of Westlake Court.

**April 28** — Sgt. Spencer reported the Butler County Sheriff's Office had arrested James S. Lomon on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 28** — Officer McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department in the 6700 block of East Perryton.

**April 28** — Sgt. Spencer assisted Wichita Police Department in the 5700 block of Perryton.

**April 28** — Officer McGuire checked on an abandoned vehicle in the 4200 block of Woodlawn.

**April 27** — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 12000 block of East 61st North.

**April 27** — Officer Steele checked for a suspicious person in the 5100 block of North Remington.

**April 27** — Officer Hutton and Sgt. Spencer responded to an assault in the 4400 block of North Eagle Lake Drive.

**April 27** — Sgt. Spencer checked on a suspicious person in the 4300 block of Bellmore.

**April 27** — Officer McGuire assisted EMS and Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

**April 27** — Officers Hutton and McGuire responded to an alarm in the 4700 block of North Hedgerow.

**April 27** — Officer Steele checked the welfare in the 12000 block of East 61st North.

**April 27** — Officer Steele checked on a suspicious person in the 5100 block of Remington.

**April 27** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 26** — Officers Steele and Brandewiede checked for a suspicious person in the 5100 block of Willow Point.

**April 26** — Officers Hutton and Brandewiede arrested Blake Brann on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 26** — Officers Swanson and Hutton responded to an alarm in the 4800 block of North Harding.

**April 26** — Officer Swanson received lost property at the station.

**April 26** — Officer Hutton reported that Rebecca M. J. Phillips had been booked into the Kingman County Jail by the Kansas Highway Patrol on a Bel Aire.

**April 26** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 4800 block of North Battin.

**April 25** — Officer Brandewiede found a bicycle in the 5700 block of East 37th North.

**April 25** — Officer Steele reported that Wichita Police Department had arrested Luis Sarabia-Flores on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 25** — Officers Swanson and Hutton responded to an auto accident at Perryton and Woodlawn.

**April 25** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in the 5000 block of East 48th North.

**April 25** — Officers Swanson and Hutton responded to an alarm in the 7800 block of East Turquoise.

**April 25** — Officer Toomey responded to disorderly conduct in the 4300 block of North Stratford Court.

**April 25** — Officer Steele responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4800 block of East Ashton.

**April 24** — Officer Hutton responded to trash dumping in the 10700 block of East 53rd North.

**April 24** — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle for a speeding in the 5700 block of East 37th North. The vehicle left the scene and McGuire followed it to the 3900 block of North Cozy Drive. He and Officer Hutton arrested the driver, Courtney Powers, on charges of obstruction and DUI. They also arrested a passenger, Caitlin Waugh, on a charge of transporting an open container, and Michael D. Powers on charges of obstruction, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

**April 24** — Officers Hazelwood and Foxx responded to an alarm in the 6300 block of East Crestmark.

**April 24** — Officer Hazelwood arrested Dylan C. Hoyes on a charge of DUI in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**April 24** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted Wichita Police Department in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 24** — Officer Steele assisted Kechi Police Department at K-254 and Webb Road.

**April 24** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of Crestmark.

**April 24** — Officer Foxx responded to a noise complaint in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**April 24** — Officer Foxx responded to an auto accident in the 4000 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 24** — Officer McGuire checked for a suspicious person in the 5300 block of Woodlawn.

**April 23** — Officer Steele responded to an alarm in the 6600 block of East Summerside Place.

**April 23** — Officer Steele checked on a suspicious person in the 5100 block of North Remington.

**April 23** — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Janesville.

**April 23** — Officer Foxx checked on a suspicious person in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

**April 23** — Officer Foxx arrested Carlos E. Diaz on a charge of DUI in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

**April 23** — Officer Foxx assisted a motorist at 45th North and Rock Road.

**April 23** — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person at 37th North and Woodlawn.

**April 23** — Officer McGuire checked the welfare in the 4700 block of Canterbury.

**April 23** — Officer McGuire checked for a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Janesville.

**April 23** — Officer Steele & Detective Pentecost responded to an audible alarm in the 6600 block of Summerside.

**April 22** — Officer McCaslin assisted EMS in the 4700 block of East Eagles Landing.

**April 22** — Officer McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department with a DUI at 37th North and Woodlawn.

**April 22** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood responded to an alarm in the 4400 block of North Mission.

**April 22** — Officer McGuire checked the welfare at 37th North and Woodlawn.

**April 22** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department in the 400 block of North Oliver.

**April 21** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a larceny.

**April 21** — Officer McCaslin responded to an animal complaint in the 6000 block of East Flagstaff.

**April 21** — Officer Swanson responded to a report of indecent liberties with a minor.

**April 21** — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist in the 5300 block of East 37th North.

**April 20** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a larceny in the 6900 block of East Odessa Court.

**April 20** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 5500 block of North Rock Road.

**April 20** — Officer Hutton responded to a disturbance in the 3300 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 20** — Sgt. Griggs assisted a motorist in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**April 20** — Officer Swanson assisted Wichita Police Department at 37th North and Webb Road.

**April 19** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4500 block of Fritillary Court.

**April 19** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4200 block of North Auburn.

**April 19** — Officers Foxx and Toomey and Sgt. Griggs responded to a fire in the 4700 block of North Krueger. They later arrested Albert W. Jackson on a charge of aggravated arson.

**April 19** — Officer Hutton responded to an audible alarm in the 4500 block of North Fritillary.

**April 19** — Officer Hutton responded to a traffic hazard at Willow Point and Oliver.

**April 18** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Kelli Jones on a charge of driving with a suspended license in the 3800 block of North Parkwood.

**April 18** — Officer Swanson responded to trash dumping in the 9600 block of East 53rd North.

**April 18** — Officer Swanson reported the Kansas Highway Patrol had arrested John R. Sinclair for a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 18** — Officer Foxx responded to a lost animal in the 4300 block of Rushwood Court.

**April 18** — Officer Hutton responded to a vicious animal in the 4800 block of East Ashton.

**April 18** — Officer Foxx responded to an animal call in the 4300 block of Rushwood.

**April 18** — Officer Swanson assisted Wichita Police Department in the 2900 block of North Oliver.

**April 18** — Officer Swanson assisted a motorist at K-96 and Woodlawn.

**April 17** — Detective Pentecost received lost property in the 4500 block of North Rock Road.

**April 17** — Officer Foxx arrested Alvin G. Mitchell on a charge of DUI in the 4400 block of North Oliver.

**April 17** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department in the 7200 block of K-254.

**April 17** — Detective Pentecost responded to an animal complaint in the 6300 block of East 44th North.

**April 16** — Detective Pentecost checked for a suspicious person in the 4000 block of North Oliver.

**April 16** — Officers Hutton and McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 4900 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 16** — Officers McGuire and Hutton responded to an alarm in the 5100 block of North Remington.

**April 16** — Officer Foxx assisted EMS in the 6900 block of East Shepherds Gate.

**April 16** — Officer Foxx and Sgt. Griggs assisted Kansas Highway Patrol in the 9700 block of East K-254.

**April 16** — Detective Pentecost assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office in the 6300 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 16** — Officer McGuire responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of North 63rd East.

**April 15** — Detective Pentecost found property in the 4400 block of Eagle Lake.

**April 15** — Detective Pentecost assisted animal control in the 4300 block North Woodlawn.

**April 15** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood found property in the 8700 block of East 53rd North.

**April 14** — Officer McGuire responded to an alarm in the 5100 block of North Remington.

**April 14** — Officer Swanson arrested Helen Brockman on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 14** — Officer Swanson arrested John Cruz on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 14** — Officer McGuire assist EMS and Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 4200 block of North Oliver.

**April 14** — Sgt. Griggs and Officer Hazelwood responded to vandalism in the 5900 block of East Perryton.

**April 14** — Officer Hazelwood responded to vandalism in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

**April 14** — Officer Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person in the 2700 block of North Battin.

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# DEATH

**BENJAMIN ADKINS**  
Benjamin Dean Adkins Jr., 59, brother of Deb Adkins of Bel Aire, died May 13, 2010. He was a veteran and former St. Joseph Medical Center employee. Service was May 19 at Smith Mortuary in Derby. He was preceded in death by his father Benjamin D. Adkins Sr., mother Dolores Ewing and brother Victor Adkins. Other survivors include sons and daughters-in-law Thomas and Kelsey Adkins and Christopher and Jennifer Adkins, all of Wichita; former wife Rhonda Adkins of Wichita; sister Diana Caven of Atlanta, Kans., seven grand-

children and one great-grand-child. A memorial has been established with The Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 16261, Wichita, KS 67216.

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Bel Aire Breeze



# City turns down title to drainage area

By Matt Heilman

At their May 4 meeting, the Bel Aire City Council denied the acceptance of lots set aside for water retention from Leewood Custom Homes LLC.

The three-lot section of Block 2 of Kappelman's Bel Aire Heights Second Addition hasn't seen development, and is considered an "eyesore" in the community, with standing water and tall grass.

On April 20, City Manager Ty Lasher pointed out that the soil on the lots would have to be compacted to accommodate digging of basements if houses were ever going to be built on the lots.

Also on April 20, city council member Gary Breault said he didn't see an advantage for the city taking the title to the lots, although taking ownership from Leewood wouldn't be an expense to Bel Aire beyond maintenance.

Bel Aire City Attorney Lee Parker said Leewood decided they'd rather give up the option to someday develop the lots than deal with maintenance. He said the developer felt Bel Aire was better suited to handle the maintenance.

With only a couple council members familiar with the lots on April 20, the decision was made to table the motion until everyone on the council had a chance to see the land,

At the May 4 council meeting, citizen Lois Hiebert spoke to the council prior to the discussion about the lots. She said Bel Aire needs to focus on selling land, and jokingly recommended turning the lots into an alligator farm.

When the title transfer came up for discussion, council member Dave Austin spoke a similar message to Breault, who was absent from the May 4 meeting.

Austin said he could sympathize with Leewood being saddled with maintenance on the lots, but didn't see the benefit for Bel Aire taking the title.

"The alligator farm sounds fun, but unless there's a real concrete

benefit to the city, I just can't think of a reason why I would vote for us to take on any more land at this time," Austin said.

The council voted 4-0 to deny the acceptance of the title to the lots.

Also at the May 4 meeting, the council:

- Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$168,773.30.
- Received a proclamation from Mayor Harold Smith, who declared May as Building Safe Month.
- Heard from City Manager Ty Lasher, who updated the council on the possibility of transferring Bel Aire's fire service from Sedgwick County to the city of Wichita. Lasher said he's met with Wichita's assistant fire chief and city manager. He said that in addition to cost, Wichita would report on a number of factors including run times and equipment requirements. Lasher pointed out the financial advantage of switching the

fire service, but said there are questions which need answered before the council can vote on the matter.

- Approved the reappointment of Ty Lasher as City Manager, Lee Parker as City Attorney, Greg Keith as Municipal Judge, and Darrel Attebery and Craig Pumphrey to the Planning Commission.
- Approved Dave Austin as city council president for 2010 and 2011.
- Approved a change order of \$2,500 from McCullough Excavation, Inc. for Central Park Third Addition.
- Approved a three-year sewer maintenance cleaning and inspection agreement with Mayor Specialty Services. The motion passed 3-1 with Peggy O'Donnell in opposition. O'Donnell said she wasn't comfortable with a three-year agreement.

The council unanimously agreed on every other discussion item, with Breault absent from the meeting.

## Jackson

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son said. "I truly appreciate and thank the members of the Bel Aire Tree Board for the beautiful tree planted in my honor. This act of kindness is another of many reasons why my wife and I have always enjoyed living in this community."

Jackson was unable to attend the May 8 dedication. In December, the former athlete, coach and mentor was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

His wife, Gayle Jackson said her husband thought he'd pulled a muscle in his back when the pain tied in with the cancer began.

"There was discomfort, then pain," Gayle Jackson said.

A Wichita oncologist discovered a tumor in Jackson's body. He was at MD Anderson in Houston on May 8 to undergo treatment. Gayle Jackson said MD Anderson is one of the best cancer treatment facilities in the world.

At the Bel Aire Park in his place were a few of Jackson's in-laws, as well as his two daughters, Sesily and Amanda Jackson, who attended school with MacDonald's daughter. Also present was Jackson's granddaughter, Bresha Collins.

"She is the heart of my dad," Amanda Jackson said of Bresha, her daughter.

"She's the only grandchild."

MacDonald opened the dedication with a few words for Jackson and gave a brief history the tree and its parent in Oklahoma City. Among the small crowd at the ceremony was City Manager Ty Lasher.

Amanda Jackson spoke on her father's behalf before she, her sister and daughter grabbed shovels for a photo opportunity near the tree and



A plaque accompanying the tree planted in Jackson's honor commemorates his survival of the Wichita State University football team plane crash in 1970. The plaque also recognizes the tree's connection to the Survivor Tree in Oklahoma City. The Bel Aire Tree Board planted the tree from a seed of the Survivor Tree.

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"(This) means a lot to (my father)," Amanda Jackson said. "Right now it means a lot, especially with what he's been going through. It definitely means a lot to him that his community is in such support of him."

Sesily Jackson called her dad "a fighter," and said that having been through the plane crash gives him strength as he battles cancer.

"Right now, he's doing pretty good," Amanda Jackson said. "He's on the up and up. He's going to fight through this and he's non-stop. People that know him know that he's not a quitter. He's pushing on and so far, he's doing pretty good."

Gayle Jackson said her husband received several

visitors in Houston and at home in Bel Aire as friends and family pull for him to beat the disease.

One of the visitors was Rick Stevens, a WSU teammate who joins Jackson as a plane crash survivor.

Jackson, a Texas native, moved to Bel Aire with his wife in August of 1977. He taught physical education at Robinson Middle School in Wichita for 31 years. He was also a basketball coach at the school. Gayle Jackson, an English teacher for 35 years, said her husband made a difference in students' lives when he taught and coached.

"Randy is modest about how many lives he's touched," Gayle Jackson said.

Prior to settling in Bel

Aire, Jackson made a full recovery from the WSU plane crash and played three seasons in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers, Seattle Seahawks and Buffalo Bills. His professional career was cut short due to a knee injury.

In his current battle, Jackson said he's learned to expect the unexpected. He lost his mother to colon cancer and saw friends die in the 1970 plane crash, including the man sitting next to him.

"Gene Robinson died. I lived," Jackson said. "I had a purpose and mission in life. I was determined to set out and accomplish realistic goals.

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## Police warn residents of dangers during summertime activities

By The Breeze staff

With school being out, Bel Aire Police Chief John Daily encourages motorists to keep an eye out for children riding bicycles and walking to and from community pools.

Daily also would like to remind drivers to avoid using cell phones while driving. A new law is in effect that bans texting while driving.

On June 5, the Bel Aire Police Department will take part in the Summer 2010 Open House from noon to 3 p.m., hosted by Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 at Station 37 next to Bel Aire Park on Woodlawn.

The police department will hold a bicycle safety clinic and Operation Ident-A-Kid at the 2010 Open House. Prizes

will be given to participants of the safety clinic.

With safety in mind, Daily said he wants residents of Bel Aire to enjoy their summer.

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# PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS



**Sue Ellig (left) receives roses from Edith Knox (right) and Rick Eberhard to commemorate Older Americans Month in Bel Aire.**

To commemorate Older Americans Month, the Bel Aire Senior Center presented two-dozen miniature red roses to 91-year-old Sue Lillig at its monthly dinner and meeting May 4. The roses were presented by Edith Knox, vice

chair of the Bel Aire Senior Center advisory council, and Rick Eberhard, City of Bel Aire Senior Center director. Forty-five seniors attended the special event to celebrate Older Americans Month and Cinco De Mayo.

Chase Taylor Skelton of Bel Aire was selected to receive a 2010 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship. Sixty-eight Kansas students received the four-year scholarship. Each recipient will receive \$1,500 for the 2010-11 academic year.

The following area students — listed by student's name, name(s) of parent(s) and degree — were candidates for degree at the University of Kansas during commencement ceremonies on May 16.

From Bel Aire: Joshua D. Arpin, son of Daniel and Kelly Arpin, bachelor of science, business; Julie Ann M.

Minns, doctor of medicine; Joe Scott, son of Stefanie and Lincoln Pulliam, bachelor of arts.

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# Council updated on long-range transportation plans

By Matt Heilman

Bel Aire is staying progressive by planning and seeking funding sources for street improvement projects in the city. At the May 18 Bel Aire City Council meeting, the council heard from Kristen Zimmerman of the Wichita Metropolitan Planning Organization, who discussed the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035.

Projects brought into the plan by WAMPO include road improvements that are most likely to receive federal funding in the next 25 years.

Zimmerman said the MTP is a federal requirement "which allows jurisdictions to receive federal funds to build transportation projects."

She said the plan aims to deter-

mine what the Wichita area's transportation system will ideally look like by 2035.

Zimmerman talked about the continued growth of small communities on the edge of cities and the importance of transportation improvements in these cities as they grow.

Communities like Bel Aire on the outskirts of Wichita are expected to see job growth as well as residential growth in the next quarter century, Zimmerman said.

Current projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan aren't guaranteed, Zimmerman said. Cities are responsible for the planning and execution of projects to eventually move projects into Transportation Improvement Plans when they're ready to be completed.

Zimmerman discussed overall objectives of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan with an emphasis on input from Wichita area communities.

"Our organization, WAMPO provides the tools, but we rely on local governments such as yourselves to implement these tools, build projects and implement these strategies that are recommended," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2035 will wrap up in about a month before it moves on toward adoption.

Bel Aire City Manager Ty Lasher said Bel Aire has several projects submitted for the MTP. He said some projects could receive funding down the line, while others may not.

Lasher touched on the potential of new schools in Bel Aire to impact the city's chances to get federal funds for future projects.

Among the projects submitted by Bel Aire are expansions of 53rd and 45th North to four lanes, expanding a stretch from Woodlawn to Oliver to three lanes, resurfacing work on Webb Road and the construction of a bike path.

Also at the May 18 meeting the council: Approved an appropriations ordinance of \$421,621.21 withholding \$2,413.95 for April prison holding fees to Sedgwick County.

Heard from Sedgwick County Deputy Fire Chief Tim Millsbaugh who spoke about a couple June events in Bel Aire. The Summer Safety Fest is scheduled from 12 to 4 p.m. June 5 at Fire Station 37 on North Woodlawn. Millsbaugh said the Sedgwick County Fire Department will team up with the Bel Aire Police Department to discuss safety with

campfires and bonfires, barbecues, safety in the water and lawnmower safety.

From 12 to 4 p.m. June 26, Millsbaugh said there will be a Fireworks Safety Fest at Station 37.

Heard from Lonnie Currier with ICI Insurance who presented Bel Aire with a \$3,140.81 rebate check from EMC for liability insurance.

Heard from Mayor Harold Smith who said Music and Moonlight in the Park will take place on June 26 in the community park on Woodlawn.

Approved the revised 2010 Bel Aire Employee Handbook and the revised City of Bel Aire Economic Development Policy.

Reappointed Peggy O'Donnell to the CCUA board.

Heard from Austin Parker, the son of City Attorney Lee Parker. Lee Parker is recovering from shingles. Austin Parker, a law school graduate filled in for his father at the meeting. Austin Parker said his father was "doing better than last week," and is likely to be present at the first council meeting in June.

# CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday services include worship at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., with Sunday school for both children and adults at 9:30.

The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside, across from Heights High School, at 53rd North and Hillside.

Find the church online at [www.christ-lutheran.org](http://www.christ-lutheran.org); e-mail [office@clc.kscoxmail.com](mailto:office@clc.kscoxmail.com). Call the church office at 744-1242 for more information.

## Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from pre-school through eighth grade.

The parish/school Web site is [www.resurrectionwichita.com](http://www.resurrectionwichita.com). Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the pastor.

## Community Bible Chapel

The church is located at 4551 Auburn, south of 45th North between Oliver and Woodlawn, in Bel Aire.

Vacation Bible School will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. June 14-18. It will be held at Sunrise Christian Academy, 5500 E. 45th North, Bel Aire.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. is worship service and breaking of the bread, with Bible study and Sunday school at 10:30.

Wednesday evening, prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Melvan Adair at 744-7091.

## Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with its Worship Experience in the school cafeteria starting at 10:30.

Every Sunday at Crossroads includes a Moonwalk for kids, Crossroads Cafe and Coffee bar, relevant and engaging messages, cutting-edge music with a live band and a dynamic Crossroads Kids program.

Lead pastor is David Norman and associate pastor is Jeff Mullen.

Call the church office at 361-0407 or visit it online at [www.crossroadswichita.com](http://www.crossroadswichita.com).

## Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church is located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita. Adult and children's Sunday school classes begin at 9:15 a.m. with worship service at 10:30. Michael Poage is the pastor. For more information, please call 682-1597 or visit at [www.fairmountucc.com](http://www.fairmountucc.com).

## Kechi United Methodist Church

Located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, the Rev. Guy E. Rendoff is the pastor. Church phone number is 744-1221.

Sunday worship services are at 9:03 and 11 a.m., with Sunday school at 10.

Yoga meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kechi City Hall.

The church's phone number is 744-1221. It is still collecting 18-ounce jars of peanut butter, diapers and tuna fish for the United Methodist Open Door.

## Park City Christian Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10. The church is located at 2230 E. 61st North. Call 744-0493 or 744-0133. The church accepts food donations for Union Rescue Mission.

## Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship and children's church are at 10:45. The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

## Pine Valley Christian Church

Located at 5620 E. 21st North. Sunday school at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

## University United Methodist Church

Located across from the WSU campus at 21st & Yale. Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes

at 9:15 a.m. traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m. E-mail [uumc2220@uumc.net](mailto:uumc2220@uumc.net); phone 686-6765. Rev. Phil Shull is the pastor.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.



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